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Summary Information

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| Repository | Rare Books and Manuscripts |
| Creator | Women's Auxiliary to the Indianapolis Branch of the National Postal Transport Association. |
| Title | Women's Organization to the Mobile Postal Service collection |
| Date | 1910-1991 |
| Extent | 4.0 Cubic feet 9 manuscript boxes, 1 cubic foot box |
| Language | English |

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Administrative History

The organization began June 7, 1899, with the stated need to entertain the wives who accompanied their husbands to the 8th convention of the National Association of Railway Postal Clerks and dedicated to the proposition that all Railway Mail Clerks' Wives were created equal to the tasks before them.

As of 1910, daytime meetings for ladies (and sometimes children) were held monthly, with a monthly nighttime meeting for the entire family. The group supported many charitable causes and was a social network for its members. The Auxiliary was very active in supporting medical care of flu victims during the 1918-1919 epidemic. On Oct. 25, 1920 the group received a charter from the National Association as the Indianapolis Branch of the Women's Auxiliary of the National Association of Railway Postal Clerks. In 1921, the Auxiliary became affiliated with the "Seventh District of Federated Clubs". Beginning Sept. 1924, a family dinner was held on meeting nights. The group was very active during WWII, providing services, boxes of gifts, cookies and knitted items for servicemen, through the Red Cross and the USO.

The group became known as the Women's Auxiliary to the Indianapolis Branch of the National Postal Transport Association (composed of clerks in mobile post offices, chiefly trains and buses) in 1950, continuing their charitable work but also supporting legislation proposed by the national Postal Transport Association. The Mobiletter was started in 1962.

The group was renamed as the Women's Organization to the Mobile Postal Service in 1965. The group was active through 1991, then voted to disband as an organization on May 4, 1991, electing to continue some social events, hopefully for 8 more years, to the 100th anniversary. .

Information found within the collection.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes bylaws, financial records, histories, minute books, scrapbooks, and yearbooks, from the Women's Organization to the Mobile Postal Service under various names in Indianapolis, Indiana ranging from 1910 to 1991 regarding organization and members.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged in the following series:

Series 1: Organizational history and financial records, 1910-1991

Series 2: Meeting minutes, 1910-1991

Series 3: Scrapbooks and yearbooks, 1932-1979

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from Martha Charlotte "Jenny" (Mrs. C. Richard) Brunsma on 1991/22/07 and 2003/12/23.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing begun in 1991 by Phillip Williams, continued in 2003 and finished in 2015 by Edythe Huffman. EAD finding aid created 2015/05/15 by Edythe Huffman.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Indianapolis Branch of the Women's Auxiliary of the National Association of Railway Postal Clerks.
- National Association of Railway Postal Clerks.
- National Postal Transport Association (U.S.).

Subject(s)

- Financial statements
- Indiana--History--Postal service--20th century
- Minutes
- Scrapbooks
- Women in community organization
- Yearbooks

Series 1: Organizational history and financial records, 1910-1991**Collection Inventory**

| Series 1: Organizational history and financial records, 1910-1991 | | |
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| | Box | Folder |
| Bylaws, 1954; 1965 | 1 | 1 |
| Financial records, 1910-1914 | 1 | 2 |
| Financial records, 1927-1929 | 1 | 3 |
| Financial records, 1929-1932 | 1 | 4 |
| Financial records, 1932-1938 | 1 | 5 |
| Financial records, 1935-1942 | 1 | 6 |
| Financial records, 1938-1944 | 1 | 7 |
| Financial records, 1942 June-1946 Jan. | 1 | 8 |
| Financial records, 1944 June-1946 June | 2 | 1 |
| Financial records, 1946 June-1950 June | 2 | 2 |
| Financial records, 1948-1951 Oct. | 2 | 3 |

Series 2: Meeting minutes, 1910-1991

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| Financial records, 1950 June-1954 May | 2 | 4 |
| Financial records, 1951 June-1955 June | 2 | 5 |
| Financial records, 1954 June-1959 May | 2 | 6 |
| Financial records, 1959-1967 May | 2 | 7 |
| Financial records, 1967 June-1976 | 2 | 8 |
| Financial records, 1976 Feb.-1982 June | 2 | 9 |
| History, 1930-1932 | 3 | 1 |

Series 2: Meeting minutes, 1910-1991

| | Box | Folder |
|---|------------|---------------|
| Minute book, 1910-1921 April | 3 | 2 |
| Minute book, 1921 May-1927 June, 1933 June | 3 | 3 |
| Executive Board minute book, 1927 Sept.-1933 June | 3 | 4 |
| Minute book, 1933 Sept.-1936 April | 3 | 5 |
| Executive Board minute book, 1936 April-1938 May | 4 | 1 |

Series 2: Meeting minutes, 1910-1991

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| Minute book, 1938 June-1941 Jan. | 4 | 2 |
| Minute book, 1941 Feb.-1943 Nov. | 4 | 3 |
| Minute book, 1942 Dec.-1944 June | 4 | 4 |
| Minute book, 1944 Oct.-1946 June | 5 | 1 |
| Minute book, 1946-1949 | 5 | 2 |
| Minute book, 1949 Oct.-1952 June | 5 | 3 |
| Minute book, 1952 Oct.-1956 June | 6 | 1 |
| Minute book, 1956 Oct.-1960 May | 6 | 2 |
| Minute book, 1960 June-1965 June | 6 | 3 |
| Minute book, 1965 Nov.-1969 April | 7 | 1 |
| Minute book, 1969 May-1972 Dec. | 7 | 2 |
| Minute book, 1973 Jan.-1978 May | 7 | 3 |
| Minute book, 1978 June-1990 May | 7 | 4 |
| Executive Board minutes, 1938 June-1947 June | 8 | 1 |

Series 3: Scrapbooks and yearbooks, 1932-1979

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| Executive Board minutes, 1947 Sept.-1953 May | 8 | 2 |
| Executive Board minutes, 1953 July-1958 June | 8 | 3 |
| Executive Board minutes, 1958 June-1966 May | 8 | 4 |
| Executive Board minutes, 1966 June-1986 July; 1990 June-1991 June | 8 | 5 |
| Series 3: Scrapbooks and yearbooks, 1932-1979 | | |
| | Box | Folder |
| Scrapbook, 1932-1933 | 9 | 1 |
| Scrapbook, 1938-1939 | 9 | 2 |
| Scrapbook, 1940-1941 | 9 | 3 |
| Yearbooks, 1923-1924; 1927-1928; 1931-1950 | 9 | 4 |
| Yearbooks, 1950-1951; 1963-1964 | 9 | 5 |
| Yearbooks, 1964-1965; 1984-1985 | 9 | 6 |
| | Box | Object |
| Scrapbook, 1920-1957 | 10 | 1 |
| Scrapbook, 1957-1965 | 10 | 2 |

Series 3: Scrapbooks and yearbooks, 1932-1979

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| Scrapbook, 1965-1979 | 10 | 3 |
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